

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

Pyrazole carboxamides of structural formula I are selective inhibitors of the 11 $\beta$ -hydroxysteroid dehydrogenase-1. The compounds are useful for the treatment of diabetes, such as noninsulin-dependent diabetes (NIDDM), hyperglycemia, obesity, insulin resistance, dyslipidemia, 5 hyperlipidemia, hypertension, Metabolic Syndrome, and other symptoms associated with NIDDM.